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[Despatch Abstract.]

Chemical Examiner's Department - Medico - Legal Cases - Bombs and Explosives - Instructions for dealing with the G.O.No.3499 P.H. dated 12 th November 1942. - Amended.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

ABSTRACT.

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CHEMICAL EXAMINER'S DEPARTMENT - Medico - Legal cases - Bombs and Explosives - Instructions for dealing with the G.O.No.3490 P.H. dated 12th November, 1942 - Amended.

Education and Public Health Department.

G.O.Ms.No.3037 P.H. Dated 6-9-47.

READ - the following:-

G.O.No.3490 P.H. dated 12-11-1942.
G.O.No.5394 Home dated 6-3-1943.
G.O.No. 598 Home (Confidential) dated 24-2-44.
From the Inspector of Explosives No.E/TS/3 dated 20-5-46.
From the Surgeon-General No.35878-M dated 30-7-46.
From the " " No.35878-M(1) dated 10-3-47.
From the Inspector of Explosives, Ex/TS/3 dated 26-7-47.

ORDER:

The following amendments shall be made to G.O.No. 3490 Public Health dated 12-11-42..

AMENDMENTS.

1. For existing para 1 of the G.O., the following shall be substituted.-

The detailed instructions regarding the packing of these exhibits or objects for transmission to the Chemical Examiner to the Government of Madras and the mode of transmission, whether by post or by messenger etc. and the precautions either immediate with reference to the place where found or in the methods of packing etc. to be taken in all cases are found in the "Instructions for dealing with substances or objects suspected to be of being explosive, issued by the Government of India contained in G.O.No.730 Public (General) Confidential dated 6-7-19431 G.O.No.5934 Home dated 6-3-194: and G.O.No.Ms.598 Home (Confidential), dated 24-2-1944 as amended from te time to time.

2. (i) For the existing Rule (11) inserted by para 2 (1) of the G.O. the following shall be substituted.

(ii) Explosives:-All exhibits and substances suspected to be explosive or connected with any explosive should be sent by the local authorities to the Chemical Examiner to the Government of Madras in the first instance, with copies of such reports endorsed to the Inspector of Explosives, South circle, Madras, in each case. An exception to the above procedure is to be adopted in the case of: -

(a) Military Grenades, Mortar Bombs, Artillery shells, Land Mines, Cartridges etc.

It is dangerous to handle or remove any military shell grenade, mortar bomb etc., which is suspected to have not gone off or exploded (after discharge) it is immaterial whether the grenade etc., is suspected to be faulty or in good order.' If any such object is reported or discovered at any spot (in the field) it should not be removed, but a guard should be placed over it and information should be sent to the nearest military post who should be asked to remove or destroy it. The discovery should also be reported to the superior officer.

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In cases involving prosecution of persons for illegal possession of unexploded military grenade, mortar bomb etc., the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras should be informed by wire, and his arrival awaited. If the bomb etc., has exploded and it is desired to prosecute a surviving person, the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras, and the Chief Inspector of Explosives in India should be informed by wire in accordance with the the instructions contained in P.S.O. 350 A. In other cases, the remnants of the exploded bombs etc. should be sent to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras.

(b) 'Unexploded country bombs made up in soda bottles, jam tins, water cistern floats, chatties, cocoanut shells, bundles of jute, hemp or cloth, bamboo tubes etc and book bombs and letter bombs:-

These bombs may be designed to explode:-

(A) When moved in any way,
(B) When turned over,
(C) When placed in water,
(D) When thrown down,
(E) by lighting a fuse,
(F) by clockwork &
(G) by chemical reactions.

Before touching the bomb, examine it where it lies and see if you can detect the arrangement for firing. See if there is any trigger and if so, if it is set or not. Do not move the bomb unless you are satisfied that it is safe to do so.

If you are satisfied, then send the bomb to the Inspector of Explosives by hand in the first instance, packed according to the instructions contained in para 14 of G.O.No. 730 Public (General) dated 6th July 1944. If you are not satisfied, then place a guard over the bomb and report to your senior officer and send telegrams immediately to the Chief Inspector of Explosives in India, New Delhi(EXPLOSIVES,NEW DELHI) as well as to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras (IN SOUTH MADRAS) asking for assistance in rendering it safe'

(c) Remnants of Exploded Bombs. If the exploded bomb is suspected to be of the usual type of country made bomb of the type met with frequently in the districts, remnants will have to be forwarded to the Chemical Examiner to the Government, Madras. If it is of the unusual type, the remnants should be forwarded to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras. In either case, a copy of the history of the case should also be forwarded to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras.

If the exploded bomb is suspected to be of military origin, viz., military grenade, mortar bomb or shell, the remnants may be forwarded to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras for his opinion, together with a report of the circumstances.

(d) Incendiary devises not coupled with a bomb or explosive device. The initiating agents in these devices should be carefully examined and removed before they are sent by messenger to the Chemical Examiner to Government and whenever any doubt is felt, the facts of the case should be reported to the senior officer, and the assistance of the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras, sought for, by telegram if necessary. If the device has taken fire, the remains without removing the ash or soot will have to be sent to the Chemical Examiner to Government.

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(e) Incendiary device coupled with an explosive device.

These devices have a fairly elaborate mechanical arrangements and may look like bombs. The Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras, will have to be informed by telegram and his arrival awaited. If any piece of yellow phosphorous is found, it should be remove immediately. If the arrangement has already fired or exploded the remains together with the ash or soot will have to be sent to the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras, for his opinion, along with the report of the circumstances.

In forwarding articles suspected to be of an explosive nature, special precautions should be taken to avoid the risk of their exploding in transit or while being unpacked. The usual type of bomb used in Madras is quite safe to handle, if thoroughly wetted, but very dangerous if dry. Anything of the nature of a live bomb should therefore be thoroughly wetted with water packed in such a way that it will not dry in transit and be sent through a messenger, and not by railway or post, to the Inspector of Explosives South Circle, Madras.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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9-8-47.

To the Inspector of Explosives, South Circle, Madras.
To the Surgeon General.
To the Chemical Examiner.
To all District Magistrates.
To the Inspector General of Police.
To the Inspector General of Prisons.
To the Commissioner of Police.
To the Chief Presidency Magistrate.
To the Hon'ble the Chief Justice (with C.L.)
Copy to Home Department.
Copy Deputy Inspector General of Police, Railways and C.I.D.

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